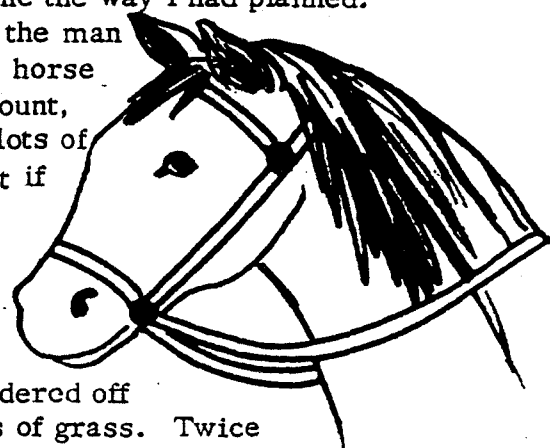


Horses can be stubborn! My day just hadn't gone the way I had planned. The first thing that went wrong was my mother telling the man in charge to give me a gentle horse. I hadn't ridden a horse before, but that morning my brother told me how to mount, dismount, start, stop, and turn a horse. He had had lots of practical experience--he had ridden a horse once. But if that wasn't bad enough, the horse he gave me was so "gentle" that he had to chase it, with me mounted on top, out of the corral with a pitch fork. As the horse and I fled the corral, I heard my brother holler, "You got to show him who's boss."



Eventually the horse stopped his flight and wandered off to the side of the road to munch on some tender shoots of grass. Twice I nudged him in the ribs and shouted, "GIDDY UP". He just continued to munch grass each time. Soon he started to wander towards the tennis courts. I could not seem to convince him I was boss as he trotted on to the tennis court bringing the game to an unexpected halt.

"Gentle" horses can be stubborn!

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1. This story is about:
 - (a) horses
 - (b) how to ride a horse
 - (c) pitch forks
 - (d) a first riding experience
2. The author's brother had:
 - (a) ridden horses many times
 - (b) was an expert on horses
 - (c) ridden a horse once
 - (d) never ridden a horse
3. As the author mounted the horse, the horse:
 - (a) ran
 - (b) didn't move
 - (c) bucked
 - (d) started to lie down
4. The pitch fork was used to:
 - (a) put the hay away
 - (b) get the horse moving
 - (c) lift grain
 - (d) lean on
5. The first thing that went wrong was:
 - (a) the horse started running
 - (b) the horse wouldn't move
 - (c) mother said a "gentle" horse
 - (d) the horse munched grass
6. In this story the word convince means:
 - (a) to tell
 - (b) to make someone believe
 - (c) to make uncertain
 - (d) to scare
7. The horse soon slowed down because:
 - (a) the rider was the boss
 - (b) the horse wanted to
 - (c) the grass was difficult to run on
 - (d) the rider kicked him
8. This horse was mostly:
 - (a) gentle
 - (b) stubborn
 - (c) fierce
 - (d) wild